Decline in Exports due to Uncompetitive Indian Goods

1736. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports have shown decline because of the high cost of money which is making Indian goods uncompetitive in world market;

(b) if so, the export trade during the last two years and so far during the current year; and

(c) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to increase exports by making Indian goods competitive in world market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIHA): (a) Sir, Available data from DGCI&S do not indicate decline in exports, but a steady increase in export growth in recent years.

(b) As per DGCI&S data, exports during 1994-95 were valued at around US $ 26330 million, which increased to around US $ 31831 million during 1995-96. Available data for April-October 1996-97 reveal that exports were valued at around US $ 18908 million which is 9.9% higher than the level of exports during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) Taking measures for increasing exports is a continuous process which includes inter alia simplification of policy & procedures, improving quality and competitivenss etc. Export Promotion is a continuing activity based on interaction with industry, trade and other export promotional institutions.

Import of Wheat by Pakistan from India

1737 SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has sought to import wheat from India;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the quantity and value of wheat proposed for import; and

(c) the action Government have taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The High Comm'ssion for Pakistan in India had indicated Pakistan's interest in importing wheat from India and made certain enquiries regarding specifications and other details. But, no formal request for supply of wheat on Government to Government basis has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

आम आदमी हेतु कार के निर्माण के लिए कदम

1738. **श्री राजूभाई ए॰ परमार:**
श्री सुशीलकुमार संभाजीराव शिंदे:

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आम आदमी हेतु कार का सपना पूरा करने के संबंध में कोई योजनाएं विचाराधीन हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो आम आदमी हेतु कार का सपना पूरा करने के संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोलि मारन): (क) और (ख) नयी औद्योगिक नीति के तहत कारों के विनिर्माण को लाइसेंस मुक्त कर दिया गया है और किसी भी प्रकार की कार के विनिर्माण के लिए अब सरकार के अनुमोदन की आवश्यकता नहीं है।